

III. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 and 18-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 13, 16, 19, 20, and 24 are independent.

The specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

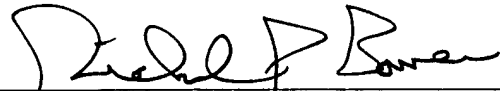
The claims have been amended to correct for certain informalities and to clarify that the ejection of the molded article requires that at least a portion of the neck ring (and equivalent structure) move in a direction non-parallel to the lifting direction to release the molded article, and not in response to any statutory requirement.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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